

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, and 22-42 are pending in this application. Claims 31-42 are added by the present response.

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, and 22-30 were rejected under 37 C.F.R. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 4,760,606 to Lesnick et al. (herein "Lesnick").

The present amendment is essentially supplemental to the Amendment filed May 7, 2004, and which Amendment has been requested entry by the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) papers.

The present amendment is submitted to add new claims 31-42 for examination. Those new claims are believed to even further distinguish over the applied art.

More particularly, new claims 31-42 correspond to the currently pending claims except that new claims 31-42 further define that the first sheet of format image information indicates a "group user name", and further recite "the image server allowing a plurality of users represented by the group user name to read the applicable folder or file of the group user name".

One benefit in the invention as set forth in new claims 31-42 is to share information stored in an information storing server with a plurality of users, i.e. a user group. Such features now further clarified in new claims 31-42 are believed to even further distinguish over Lesnick.

Claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, and 22-30 are believed to be allowable in view of the amendments and comments set forth in the Amendment filed May 7, 2004, and again which has now been entered. Further, applicants believe new claims 31-42 are further allowable as discussed above.

In view of the present response and the entered Amendment filed May 7, 2004, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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